

ST PATRICK'S PARISH

Mass centres: Gunalda, Gympie, Imbil, Kandanga, Kilkivan, Rainbow Beach, Tin Can Bay, Widgee

As we gather we acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi people and the Indigenous elders of this area, those who once lived here and into whose sacred space our forebears came, changing forever an older way of life

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 13 September 2020

TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace be with you.

The Queensland Parliament this week passed an important piece of legislation, namely the Criminal Code (Child Sexual Offences Reform) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019. It will soon become law. Much of the Bill was strongly supported by the Archdiocese of Brisbane as we remain unequivocally committed to the protection of children.

The legislation enacts some recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. It creates two new crimes in relation to how people and institutions respond when they have knowledge of possible child sexual offences.

Firstly, it requires all adults with information relating to a child sexual offence to report it to the police. The law covers the Sacrament of Penance.

This was one part of the Bill which the Archdiocese found unacceptable. The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse did much to make for safer environments for young people. For that we are all grateful. However, with many others I have said that one point which the Royal Commission failed to understand was the nature of the Sacrament of Penance and the importance of the seal. The Archdiocese has previously provided its feedback on this to the State Government.

Secondly, the Bill requires an accountable person (in an institution) who knows there is a significant risk of a sexual offence against a child, and the person has the power or responsibility to remove or reduce the risk, the person must act to reduce or remove the risk.

The Archdiocese is working to develop a co-ordinated approach to police reporting of possible child sexual offences. Priests will receive further information to assist their understanding of the civil and canonical requirements they now face. You will all receive more information about this as we strive to make our parishes, schools and agencies as safe as possible for our young people and all who are vulnerable.



Further information on the Church's position on the seal of the Sacrament of Penance can be found here:

1. Submission to legislative enquiry
<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/committees/LACSC/2019/CriminalCodeChild2019/submissions/010.pdf>
2. Holy See observations on the recommendations of the Royal Commission
<https://www.catholic.org.au/acbc-media/media-centre/media-releases-new>

As always in the Lord,

Archbishop of Brisbane

Celebration of the Word at Home

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering of the Community

Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed be God,
who enables us, through the Spirit,
Bless the Father and the Son and the Holy
Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Introductory Remarks

Today, we, the people of God,
gather to hear and respond to God's word,
to return praise and thanks.

We look forward to that day
when we will once more celebrate the
Eucharist, as Christ commanded us to do in his
memory.

Our community makes its worship
in union with the Church throughout the
world, with Francis our Pope, Mark our bishop,
Ken his assistant our pastor, Father Adrian and Fr
Dominic, who are unable to be with us.

Opening Rite

Before listening to the word,
let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus, you were sent to heal the contrite:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You plead for us at the right hand of the
Father:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Let us pray.

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your
mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Procession of the Word of God

May the Word of God always be heard in this
place,
as it unfolds the mystery of Christ before us
and achieves our salvation within the Church.

First Reading

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the
Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes
resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by
the commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not
bear your neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and
overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4, 9-12

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans

The life and death of each of us has its
influence on others; if we live, we live for the
Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that
alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This
explains why Christ both died and came to life,
it was so that he might be Lord both of the
dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how
often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs

me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Readings

Profession of Faith

In union with the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
At the words that follow, up to and including
'the Virgin Mary', all bow.**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the
dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

General Intercessions

Presider: My brothers and sisters, with hearts free from anger and hatred let us humbly bring our petitions before the God of mercy.

That the Lord's faithful Word will sustain our Holy Father, the bishops and all who minister to God's people, let us pray to the Lord:

That the Lord's guiding hand will direct our public servants along the paths of justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord:

That the Lord's mercy for all people will lead nationalities and families to share the gift of mutual forgiveness and healing, let us pray to the Lord:

That the Lord's salvation will speedily deliver the peoples of the world from poverty, unemployment, starvation and disease, let us pray to the Lord:

That the Lord's presence will comfort the sick and the dying and remove their fear, let us pray to the Lord:

That the Lord's gift of the Eucharist will bind us together in the new covenant of reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord:

That the Lord's everlasting love will embrace the lives of those who have died, especially Kath Piggott, let us pray to the Lord:

Presider: Lord God, our needs are great, but your merciful love for us is far greater. Hear and answer the prayers we have made to you this day, for we offer them in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Proclamation of Praise

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons forever.

Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,

that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Sign of Peace

Let us seal our prayer with a sign of fellowship
as we offer one another a sign of peace.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing

May the God of hope fill us with every joy in believing.
May the peace of Christ abound in our hearts.
May the Holy Spirit enrich us with his gifts,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

In the seven year seminary program of formation to be a priest we studied many subjects. One that fascinated me was called the last things – heaven, hell, death and judgment. I can still see and hear one the lecturers, Fr Bernard Wallace, who later was the bishop of Rockhampton, standing in front of us and musing: if I died tonight, all they (the seminary authorities) would say was: who will teach dogma tomorrow?

The subject came to mind with the words penned by the author of the book of Ecclesiasticus. His name was Jesus Ben Sira, or Sirach. Sirach lived and worked in Jerusalem about 190 years before Jesus was born. The words he penned were: “remember the last things, and stop hating.” He goes on to say: “remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.” His words reveal he was very much aware of the connection between the lives we live here and now and the continuation of our existence after death.

On reflection, the elements of the seminary subject would be better presented as death, judgement, heaven and hell. That presents them in chronological order.

Suffering and death have always been the stuff of deep reflection. Oftentimes as I have presided at funeral liturgies I have posed the question: where has she or he gone? For some this is a question that is easily answered – they have gone nowhere. They no longer exist. After death comes annihilation.

For those who do not hold such a position, and I suppose most of you listening to me now, see those who have left us through death continuing to exist in some way. So the question stands: where have they gone? What are they experiencing?

The seminary subject gives two possibilities – heaven or hell.

For today we can leave to one side the teaching of the church on Purgatory, post death purifying. What I will say about Purgatory is that it has everything to do with heaven and nothing, I repeat nothing, to do with hell.

I can hear some say there is a fourth possibility: limbo. Trying not to be distracted from the aim of this reflection and homily let me say that limbo, a place of natural happiness, was never official teaching of the church. Limbo was a pastoral response to parents grieving over the death of a child before the little one was baptised. Church teaching was that baptism was essential for salvation, for being at one with God after death. What do you say to grieving parents who ask where the little unbaptised one has gone? No baptism, no heaven. Your little one has gone to hell.

Such a response is unthinkable. A place of natural happiness is not seeing God face-to-face but it is not the torments of hell. Today, the response in the teaching of the church is that the little one is entrusted to the mercy of God.

To come back on track. The church teaching on why God created us is easily stated: to know, love and serve God here on earth and to be happy with God forever in heaven. Knowing, loving and serving God can be done consciously or unconsciously. God wants us to respond generously and compassionately to anyone in need. Those in need are the neighbours we are commanded to love. Feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned – this prepares us to see the face of God after death.

After death there is judgement. The teaching of Jesus articulated in the teaching of the church leaves us in no doubt about this. God has no favourites. The divine will is that when this life ends we shall see the father face-to-face. We will be happy with God forever in heaven.

In many places Jesus speaks of people missing out - the rich man who had no concerns for the poor man Lazarus at his gate, those who showed compassion to others and those who neglected to do that, do your best to enter by the narrow gate. God has not created us to be thrown away into some

cosmic incinerator. God has created us to come to the fullness of life which is achieved by living in the divine presence. To miss out on this is a hellish experience.

Entry into heaven, to open the door to see God face-to-face, is achieved by what we do or not do to the people who are part of our life here and now. To fail to enter heaven, to not see God face-to-face, is also achieved by our actions here and now. Whenever I think about these things I am always struck by the awesome power that God has given us. I have the power to turn my back on God. God continues to love me but I have the power to reject that love and refuse to cooperate with it. If there is anyone in hell, they are not there because God sent them. They would be there because their choices rendered them incapable responding to the divine love offered them.

In Christ great love is offered freely to us. Let us receive it with joy and use it well. In this way we find happiness now and in the life to come.

Parish News:

Confirmations: Preparation Sessions begin Monday 19 October at 3.30 pm Parish Centre Gympie: Young brothers and sisters in Grade 3 and above who are baptised in the Catholic church can come forward to begin preparation for the sacrament of confirmation. Parents whose children are baptised in another Christian community would need to talk to Fr Adrian or Fr Dom to explore possibilities. Please hand in names as soon as possible to gympie@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 5482 1213. If at St Patrick's Primary please give names to Mr Campbell. If at the college give names to Mrs Mooney.

RCIA Information Evening – 24 September 7.00 pm Parish Centre Gympie: If you, a family member or a friend, want to know more about the faith and the Catholic church contact the parish office: gympie@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 5482 1213. The RCIA journey ends with the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night 3 April 2021.

Season of Creation: From 1 September to 4 October (the feast of St Francis of Assisi) Pope Francis asks us to make these weeks a Season of creation. He calls us to prayer, reflection and action towards the care of our common home, the planet Earth. For more information go to <https://seasonofcreation.org/2020/04/30/catholics-and-the-season-of-creation/>

Annual Catholic Campaign: The Campaign is scheduled for the weekend of 20 September 2020. More information further on in the newsletter.

Social Justice Statement for 2020 The statement from the bishops centres on mental health in Australia. You can access the statement and other material at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2020/07/03/social-justice-statement-2020-21/>

Eileen O'Connor: Eileen is on the road to being proclaimed a saint. She founded an order of religious women popularly known as the Brown Nurses or more correctly Our Lady's Nurses of the Poor. They cared for the sick and dying poor in their homes. Injured as a 3 year old she only grew to 115cm tall and was in constant pain. She died just before her 29th birthday. Cards to assist you praying are near the door.

Father Dom's Talk Series on Show Shalom World TV

Earlier this year Fr Dom recorded 12 episodes of a talk series called "**Your Dynamic Flow**" with Shalom World Television dealing with questions of identity, suffering, death, purpose and what it means to be here. The show will premiere on Shalom World website from the 10th of September at 9pm. If you wish to

watch the talk series, please see information on page 12 of newsletter for the links and navigate your way to the shows.

Our special thanks to **Gladys and Vincent Brennan** for allowing Fr Dom to use their property for the shooting of the talk series.

Additional celebrations of the Eucharist:

St Patrick's Gympie: Sunday 5.30 pm. **Please register if you wish to participate at this time.**

St Therese Gungalda: 7.00 am 1st Sunday of the month **Next Sunday: 4 October**

St Peter the Fisherman Rainbow Beach: 7.00 am 3rd Sunday of the month. **Next Sunday: 20 September**

St Patrick's 10.00 am live-streamed mass continues. Participants will continue to be drawn from the hat each week and those with a place will be notified.

Masses in the other churches will be looked at in due course.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

(if you would like your loved one prayed for, please let us know so we can add them to the list)

Your prayers are asked for Maree Friswell, Gerri & Colin Willison, Billy Corfield, Basil Garner, Leon Garner, Peter Nicholls, Peter & Marie Corfield, Billy Balkin, Pat Hoolihan, Bob Eyears, Joanne Dodt, Michelle Newton, Mary Merrin, Joe Costello, Bruno Gabbana, and Fr Pat Dowd.

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask You to bless Your friends who are sick. Give them the strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. Let them recover their health, so that, restored to the parish community, they may joyfully praise Your Name, for You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

FOR THE DECEASED:

Let us remember in our prayers those loved ones who died recently especially _____ and those whose anniversaries fall around this time.

CHURCH UPDATES

Our maximum number is 60 at Sunday mass. We are finding the allocation of places and notification of parishioners a very demanding administrative task. To ease the burden Anne and Vi carry every Friday afternoon, Fr Adrian has decided to move to registration by computer program. The parish will use the program Eventbrite, popular with a number of parishes. Fr Dom is working at setting the program up. We shall have more information for you next week.

Mass is live streamed from St Patrick's at 10 am so those allocated a seat are asked to be in the church by 9.30 am. Allow time to sanitise and sign in. Please bring your glasses: they make finding your name a little easier!! With the 5.30 pm mass do allow yourself time to sign in and sanitise. Your glasses are also a great help!

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

With Sunday masses suspended for the time being, please continue to support the parish financially. The ways to do this are:

"If you have changed your weekly giving from envelopes to electronic transfer, please advise the Parish Office on 5482 1213 as not all names have been notified from the banking agencies" envelopes are now available for pick up from the back of the Church.

Use the envelopes and drop them off at the parish office. Those at Mass, can place their offerings in the baskets in front of the altar.

Arrange a **direct debit** from your financial institution to the parish

Transfer funds electronically online. To make these transfers the details to use are:

Gympie Parish BSB 064-786 Account Number 6531102 or BSB 064-786 Account Number 100017636.

To make a deposit at a post office or bank branch use these details: BSB 064-000 Account Number 0032 5284. This is an open account unlike the closed account for electronic transfer.

This is the main account for the Archdiocesan Development Fund (ADF). Ask the staff member you deal with to include an identifier. Experience has shown that some will not accept identifiers (I do not why. Those with banking experience may have an answer.) Staff at the ADF have assured me that even without an identifier they will know which account the deposit goes to. May I suggest you send an email to the parish with details of your deposit – date and amount to ensure our records of your assistance are accurate.



<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/>

The app for people to use to donate to the parish is being set up. Fr Adrian does not expect people to use this as their ordinary way of giving financial support as the fees reduce the amount the parish receives. The best way of support is direct debit as this works without extra charges.

The **Men's Afternoons** are held on the **Third Thursday of the Month** from 12.45 pm until 2.45 pm. Next is **Thursday 17th September** for transport assistance please contact the parish office, 5482 1213.

WEBCAST CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST AND OTHER PRAYERS

ST PATRICK'S Sunday 10.00 am. Live stream: go to the Gympie parish website – www.stpatsgympie.net.au and click on the Facebook item at the top right of the screen.

CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN Live stream. www.archbne.org/bzw.

Weekday mass: 8.00 am

Sunday: 8.00 am and 10.00 am

MASS ON TV Channel 10 6am each Sunday



PIETY STORE will be open 9am to 9.30am each Sunday

A limited supply of Columban calendars available for \$9 and A limited supply of 2021 God's Word for \$15.

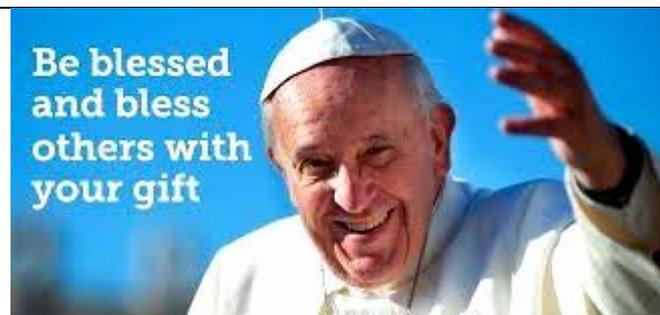
The shop will also not be open on the 20th September 2020

CATHOLIC LEADER

With the recent announcement to suspend all Sunday and Saturday vigil Masses until further notice, you, our readers, will be unable to buy The Catholic Leader at parishes on weekends. So, we are making our digital newspaper free at our website, catholicleader.com.au.

This [digital newspaper](#) will be free for readers to access until parishes reopen across the Brisbane archdiocese. It is our commitment to ensure that everybody has access to stories of connection, inspiration, and faith.

Upcoming Event



Link video to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DE3U4WUWCxQ>

Our parish is supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign this year because we know how hard it has been for many in our community. Though prayer and action, we can be a blessing to those in real need. If you are able, and would like to make a donation, you can do so online at: <https://bit.ly/3leak6d>

Next weekend 19-20.09.2020, our Church is delighted to be supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign. It is the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and local community.

Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish. The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly, retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

For your health, and in-line with our COVID-safe plan, we are not sharing brochures and pencils this year. Please do take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope (copy of envelope included below) with you when you go today. You can either pop it in the mail or return it next week. Of course, if you have a pen in your bag, feel free to fill it in today and place it in the collection.

Yes, I wish to give \$100 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

Single Gift **Monthly Gift** To be deducted each month on: 10th or 25th

Please give my gift to: Centacare, Holy Spirit Seminary, the MacKillop Fund and the Priests Foundation (Gifts over \$2 are tax deductible) Annual Grants Program supporting local grassroots Catholic ministries (Non-tax deductible)

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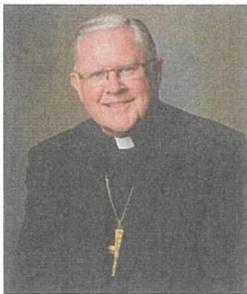
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I hope that you will consider a donation to support the merciful works of your local Church. May God who is the giver of all gifts bless you in every way.

As always in the Lord,

Mark Coleridge

Most Rev. Mark Coleridge
 Archbishop of Brisbane

Our Church, our mission, our community.

Your support enables Centacare to reach out in compassion to those in our community most in need.

Your support of the Priests Foundation provides accommodation, basic health care and nursing support to elderly and unwell priests in retirement.

With your support of Holy Spirit Seminary, you provide a home for the formation and education of future priests for our faith.

Your donation to support the MacKillop Fund shows children and families in hardship the heart of our Catholic faith.

Thank you for your faith and generosity.



The resources can be found on the Liturgy Brisbane website at <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/> and will be updated each week.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

COVID restrictions are preventing the celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, held each year at the Cathedral of St Stephen, in the usual way. However, on **Saturday 26th September at the 11.30am Mass**, Archbishop Mark will celebrate Mass for the special intentions of all couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage. Attendance of Mass at the Cathedral is restricted to 132, if however, any couple celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary are in good health and wish to attend the Mass in person, please contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or register on-line via the Cathedral

website: <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/mass--reconciliation-times.html>

The Mass will be live-streamed via the Cathedral website for those who are unable to attend in person.

Use this link to Fr Doms talk series called **"Your Dynamic Flow"**

<https://www.shalomworld.org/show/your-dynamic-flow>

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not being
closed.
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to remain open.

PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS

*If our doors are closed,
let our hearts be open.*

Almighty and all-merciful God,
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,
in whom there is no shadow of death,
save us in this time of crisis;
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
watch over all medical people
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,
that hope may never die
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,
may shine upon us and the whole world.
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

Most Rev. Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane



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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE PANDEMIC

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of Your People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Amen.

